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The Four P's of Transition

Crater Lake (CC)

Among the many mysteries of Crater Lake is how much time any one Ranger will be within the Park. The winds of change this season swirled again around the Caldera. With summer coming on and the winds abating, the organizational configuration of the patrol has once again changed. The biggest of these changes is the transfer of Mary King to Lassen Volcanic Park and the addition of our new patrol leader and Park Ranger Steve Martin. "Welcome Steve."

Another major change to occur is in the CLSP council. According to our pa-

trol's charter, council members are required to be voted in every few years by majority vote through patrol members. I would like to recognize and thank the administrative council members' hard work over the last several years to keep our organization moving forward. If it were not for Evan Olson, Randy Benham, and J.T Hummel, our patrol would not have functioned as productively.

As a patrol, we are experiencing changes internally. This article

will provide a framework to help manage those changes. It is not a matter of if, but when rangers will transfer on their journey within the Park Service. Fortunately, for the ski patrol, the work done in years



*George B. Hartzog, Jr. Award;
Picture Reprinted from the Tidings*

past has helped to prepare us for the "changing of the guard phenomenon" at the park.

The charter allows the ski patrol to be a self-functioning organization

(no matter who comes and goes) and gives details on how to continue the consistency within the patrol and guides us in sustaining a balanced relationship with the Park's Administration. In order to uphold our highest level of services to visitors in the park, it is critical that the pa-

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trol move through the changes and transitions we are currently experiencing.

ENDINGS

With every change, and I mean every change, there is a phase of letting go and completion. The better we can have closure with changes in our lives at an emotional level, the better we are able to create and move into the new beginning. I invite everyone to do what he needs to do to feel the loss he may have, and honor whatever comes up for him. Remember, each person will have his own experiences.

NEUTRAL ZONE

The neutral zone is a challenging place to be. It is where we are no longer in the old, but not in the new either, and this is why it is important that all of us stay focused on the four P's of Transition.. Hopefully we can all support each other through the uncertainties in the months ahead.

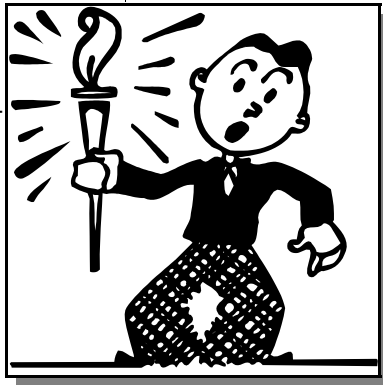
PURPOSE

We must stay focused on our mission as volunteer ski patrollers, to promote safe winter experiences for visitors, while preserving the natural resources.



PICTURE:

The patrol needs members skilled in making visitor contacts, first aid, SAR, trail maintenance, safe skiing and the willingness to become council members, to keep our patrol running smoothly.



Is time for you to help carry the torch

PLAN

We are now in the middle of transition within the council. In order for the patrol to move on, new individuals must help pull our *Ski-Patrol-Sled* into the future. The Nov. Dec. trainings and ongoing refreshers throughout the season are our main strategy to keep our skill development alive and maintain proficiency.

Our leadership team and shadow members help provide the focus and direction to keep our patrol moving forward.

PART

Each of us needs to play a bigger role this next year than in the past because of the fluctuation in the system. All patrol members need to perform in ways they may not have had to in the past, because things do not stay constant. It is time for you to help carry the torch. I invite you to ask the big question; "How can I do my *part* in contributing and supporting my fellow patrollers and rangers in accomplishing our *purpose, picture, and plan?*" Help create "New Beginnings" - This is where systems disrupted by changes are re-structured to operate more effectively. (i.e. becoming a council member, becoming a shadow council member, doing my part to support others, etc.) These activities provide the framework for renewal, helps to create a new culture that supports the new identity, and sustains the core values and beliefs of our organization. I'm confident that we will move through this transitional opportunity, learn from teachable moments that arise, and continue to grow longer legs for bigger steps in the future.

If you have the aspiration to see our patrol move onto the next level, Please Stand Up and Come Forward.

Congratulations Ski Patrol and Greetings!

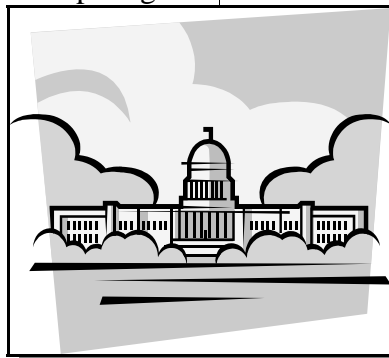
Lason Park: Mary King

This spring, when I sat down to outline the achievements of the Crater Lake Ski Patrol and specifically the 2001-2002 season, I was absolutely floored at the statistics. As I wrote about each incident and the patrol's involvement with the winter season at Crater Lake National Park, it seemed inconceivable to me that any other volunteer group would even come close to competing for the George Hartzog Award. I was right! When I got the call in Whiskeytown from JT a smile spread and stayed on my face for days to come.

The declaration of this national award confirmed what I have known since I started working with all of you in 1998; that ***"The Crater Lake Ski Patrol is an amazing, unique, talented group of individuals, without which, winter operations at the Lake would suffer tremendously"***.

Some of the points I attempted to stress to Washington were how heavily the National Park Service at Crater Lake depends upon the Ski Patrol. We expect you to be available every weekend, refreshed and willing to work hard after you have already finished a full week's

work. We anticipate that you will be on time, responsible, professional and physically fit. Each member must maintain proficiency in a number of skills, and be ready at a moment's notice to practice these skills in real life situations. Further, the Rangers recognize a ski patrol management system,



comprised of volunteers from your own ranks, who schedule, monitor, fund raise and train the entire patrol throughout each season.

Again, all of this is on volunteer time! The dedication apparent in individuals is only the beginning; caring, camaraderie, and a willingness to work extremely hard round out each patroller's persona.

It hasn't really hit Kevin and I yet that we are no longer members of the immediate Crater Lake com-

munity. Next winter, when we begin to realize that Saturday evening dinner seems much lonelier, and the snow shoveling muscles don't hurt quite so bad, it will probably start to sink in. I have begun to miss many of you who have become so intertwined with my family's life. Nevertheless, Lassen Volcanic is a fantastic place for us to live. We have a wonderful home, and opportunities exist for all of us that were simply unavailable at Crater Lake. It has been a blessing to see more of our family and for Noah to get to know his cousins.

Our house is always open for a meal or a place to sleep, and Kevin diligently mans the 24-hour snow condition hotline for interested skiers! The terrain at the park is considerably more advanced than Crater Lake, so bring your courage! Some of you have already come down, to which we say, come on back anytime. For those who haven't made it yet, looking forward to your visit this winter. Only 150 days until December! See you all this fall at training!

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Where Have All the Skiers Gone...Long Time Passing?

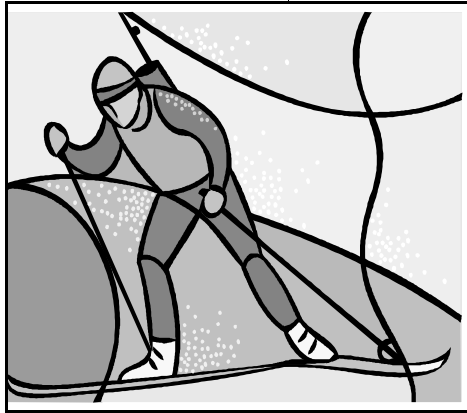
By John Bellon

I remember the good ol' days, when patrolling meant trekking any one of the many trails that awaited us in 'the Park'. The daily mission: cover a designated trail (or three!), install signage, ensure visible directional markings, and break an inviting path whereby expectant visitors were drawn into the backcountry for a new life ski experience. Those days were distinctly different

from those of the present. Were they superior? Not necessarily, although I do know most certainly that much of the adventure and exhaustive marathon-like life transformation is now absent, and I regret the loss. The sentimentality I pen here

be not for my own sake so much (as I still have the years and miles of joyful memories to comfort me), but for others, who come to the well and have not yet drunk deeply of the coolest and most nourishing waters.

Many factors contribute to the phenomenon of the current mission. Some exist as by-products of unavoidable change, however, let me illuminate a couple of the most unsavory for your consideration.



Think for a moment on how many trails you skied last season. How far did you travel on the few trails you did ski? Now, try to list all of the available trails in the park to ski and patrol. Considering the potential miles of mapped and marked trails, what is the resultant ratio after dividing your actual trails and distance skied,

by the sum.

According to patrol documentation, only a minute fraction of Crater Lake National Park ever felt a patroller's tracks by season's

end. Is this not a gross and significant change from our original vision (for those of you who remember)? Let me say that I recognize the proximity-to-visitors priority justifications, however, wouldn't you appreciate the richness of discovering the entire park for yourself, and in so doing, make it attainable for the less daring to discover?

Another phenomenon, which dovetails with lodge proximity skiing, is the investment in ski gear that lends itself so nicely to the person content to find a more stable and elegant turn, on slopes not too far from the car. Sacrifice of cross-county skiing, for the elusive pursuit of climb-up and slide-down, has robbed those, in that niche, of the attainable joy of gliding freely to distant outlands.

Each successive season, I see the increasing burden of newly marketed equipment-which adds weight, resistance, and destroys the flexibility necessary to lightly fly down and up the trails-on patroller feet, like shackles, devilishly hindering the freedom of unknowing souls. Don't misunderstand me, I fully appreciate what it is to desire the perfect turn-I have happily spent many years alpine skiing, nor-pine lift skiing, and trudging up mountain tops to conquer with shapely, fear taming turns, in all kinds of conditions. However, I am re-

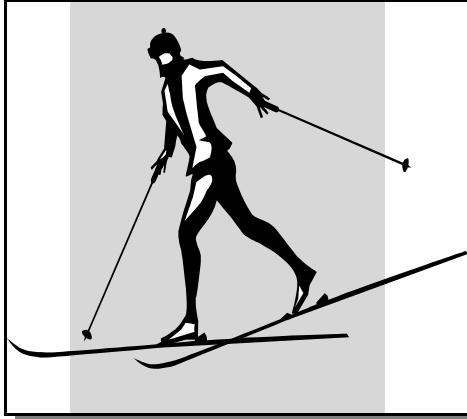
ferring here to patrolling at Crater Lake, and the ability to cover vast tracts of terrain for joy, and when necessary, emergency response, not the aforementioned pursuit. A familiar illustration is the awe inspiring example of Dan Miller, enraptured in his kick-and-glide ski travels. Recall the effort required

while endeavoring to keep pace with him as he so gracefully-nearly effortlessly- attains glide from his outdated skis.

Look closely, and you discover that he sports relatively

thin and lightweight waxable skis, attached to mid-high leather boots, not the awe inspiring big guns now en vogue.

So what's with that? After skiing for years with Dan, and Niel Barrett, and other pioneers, I can reveal for your benefit the secret behind their uncanny mystery. It lies not in pure athletic ability, though certainly this contribution cannot be dismissed, but anyone with a modicum of endurance is capable of reaching the next level. No, it lies deeper than that. With the early gear, one was forced to learn stable balance, sure kick, and the voracious pursuit of maximum glide. Finesse complimenting strength, coupled with the hunger for a little more speed, developed pure technique; energy spent efficiently, in order to cover long and changing distances rapidly, during a full day's expenditure, became the paying lottery ticket. Distance training, racing, or patrol duty donned with cumbersome backpack inevitably resulted in endurance building joy, and the blissful side



effect of remarkable skiing ability. You will never see their freedom of the skis constrained by investment in the nouveau, when the former has faithfully proven its excellence. Oh, if only you will outwit the come-full-circle trend before its inevitable time!

With these things said, I leave you with the exhortation to search inward for your deepest vision; one that serves others, yet helps you to realize

your patrol desires, and fullest potential, through the Crater Lake quest. What memories do you want to own later in life? Mine deeply satisfy and measurably contribute to who I am today. The greater treasures await you, while immersed in the backcountry- just a *little* further out!

Happy

Trails

Facts about Crater Lake

- Greatest Depth: 1,932'
- Average Depth: 1,500'
- Surface Elevation: Approximately 6,000'.
- Widest Point: 6.02 miles.
- Narrowest Point: 4.54 miles.
- Distance around the lake: 33 miles
- Height before collapse: estimated 11,000 to 12,000 feet.
- Surface Temp: 32-65F
Last Total Freeze: 1949.
- High Point on Rim: Hillman Peak (8,151)
- Low Point on Rim: Palisade Point (6,700)
- Park Established: May 22nd, 1902.
- Park Size: 286 sq miles, 183,000 acres.
- Average Snow: 533"

Such A Privilege

Donna Short

I had never been to Washington, DC and what better way to be introduced to our nation's Capitol than with a great group of Crater Lake Ski Patrollers. The week went by so fast but we covered so many miles and saw so much along the way.

The award ceremony was special but I think that even better was going to dinner that evening with the volunteers from Boston Harbor Islands. It was a time of sharing and fellowship with kindred spirits with their own unique set of opportunities and volunteer challenges.

Our much practiced navigation skills served us well in this very urban environment except when it came to the traffic circles! I guess we will have to work on those next season so we will be ready the next time Crater Lake Ski Patrollers are called on to patrol the streets of DC



I Won't

Doug Robin

Niel asked us to write a short paragraph about the Hartzog award and the patrol. I could get all gushy and talk about the pride I have in the patrol or how great it is to spend time at one of the neatest places in the world, but I won't. I could get all sentimental and talk about the camaraderie, friends made, friends lost, and good time shared, but I won't. I could share a few of the war stories like the time Luke broke his arm, but I won't. I could talk about the "old-timers" who have provided continuity to the patrol, but I won't. I could talk about the steady infusion of new patrollers that revitalize the patrol annually with new thoughts and ideas, but I won't. I will just say thank you for allowing me to represent you at this special event!



Our Ship has come In

Martha Hess the Volunteer Coordinator for Crater Lake submitted a grant application to the National Parks foundation in late April. The foundation knowing the patrol's recent accomplishment of receiving the Herzog award, bestowed a 5000.00 Allegra grant to the Crater Lake Ski Patrol.

The National Park Foundation and Allegra partnered to promote volunteerism through a series of grants to National Parks in states along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

The much needed monies received from the grant will help to purchase equipment for the patrol.

Thank you: Martha!

Council Meeting Report

Written By: Ann Michaels

As the Equipment shadow for J.T. Hummel last season, I gained an appreciation as to what J.T. has been doing for this ski patrol. His contributions are above and beyond his job description for the council member who deals with equipment. J.T. has been doing two jobs over the past few years, Equipment, and Education/Safety officer, since the Browns left.

Ann Michaels (Equipment), and Bill Bloom, (Administrator/Director) took over their new duties of council members as of June 7th, 2003 at 1:20 pm at the council meeting, although these positions do not become official until the patrol votes them in.

Below is a synopsis of the council meeting for those who could not attend.

We have about 30 Ski Patrollers and 19 candidates, which makes the largest group of Crater Lake Ski Patrollers to date.

According to our patrol's charter, new council members are required to be voted in ever few years by majority vote by patrol members. Patrollers are needed to shadow these positions this fall: Director/Administrator), Trainer, Trials, Education/Safety, Equipment.

■ Niel Barrett still has no shadow and will graciously continue for one more year in his position of "Trails Dude" until a shadow replacement is found.

■ The patrol is Actively looking for a Education/Safety member for next year, but J.T. is graciously willing to continue if no replacement is found.

■ The patrol is actively looking for a Training Officer for next year.

An amendment to the charter for next year was proposed, and that is to add the position of Treasurer/Secretary. If enacted, this will entail keeping the finances in order and taking minutes at all meetings.

We would like to add to the duty description of the *Education and Safety* council member, the duties of maintaining our website and assisting on the newsletter.

One of the themes that came out in the patrol meeting was for the patrol to get back to the basics. With this theme in mind, the council concluded that we would follow the CLSP charter *to the letter*, with a few amendments changes if approved by membership.

It was observed that as a patrol we did not get out on the backcountry trails much. Patrol logs illustrated there were ski trails that were only skied a few times all winter, and a couple of trails never got skied all season. As patrollers, we all need to have a good understanding of all the trails in the park.

How long has it been since you skied Dutton, Stewart Falls, or Lightning Springs, or the entire Rim?

Do you know all the trails? Would you be able to find missing skiers on them?

Many patrollers no longer bring or use the right backcountry equipment that is best suited for patrolling the rim. Our focus on many weekends has shifted to elevation skiing. I know I am one of these people. My gear is really for *lift skiing* and I want and



need to get some good backcountry skies with some camber. It is suggested that double-camber skis are good all-around skis to have on the rim. I am suffering, since March, from lateral epichondylitis, brought on by using the wrong gear, attempting to ski the rim with the wrong type of skies. It was agreed that we might focus more on backcountry skiing, and less elevation skiing this next season. In case of an emergency on the rim, patrollers will use less energy pushing a double-camber ski than a single, half, or no-camber ski. You never know when or where the next rescue or accident will occur in the park.

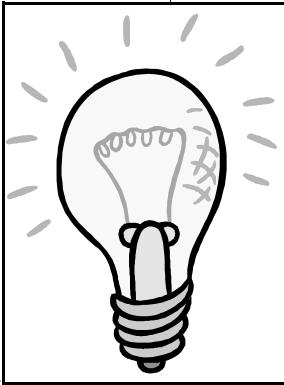
ets were missing at years-end.

The council proposes that a re-certification process might be helpful in assessing all Patrollers current skills.

It was suggested that the last ski patrol weekend would focus on house cleanup. It was suggested that perhaps the previous weekend some of the smaller clean-up duties could be started, like window cleaning, etc.

for years the Patrol House was free, but that has not been the case for the past few years. It has become a big expense on the ski patrol/parks budget. It was suggested that to save money on rent, we move in, in December instead of November. Since the House is only used for one weekend in November, the November accommodations for training can be primarily in the community building. The minor inconvenience would save the Patrol a considerable amount of money to offset rent.

Avalanche evaluations this year were stepped up, and the requirement of avalanche evaluations like digging Hasty Pits, doing snowpack analysis, and so forth, will remain with us.



It was mentioned that since we have about 50 patrollers we should really try to schedule at least 6 people per weekend, so the patrol can split up into two groups and be more visible to the public, be more available for trail maintenance, and be able to ski more of the Backcountry Trails.

It was noted that the end of season mandatory council meeting has not taken place for several years and that the bylaws in the charter are explicit in that this meeting should take place

on the last official Patrol weekend of the season in April. Thus, the new council will meet at the seasons' end and each council leader is required to bring with him a written report summarizing the season (from his perspective and position). It was suggested that using the (SWOT) analysis format of strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats could aid council members in making necessary changes and improvements in helping to make our Patrol better.

For the Good of the Order: A policy (formal or informal) should be developed regarding the use of the Ski Patrol email list, to prevent/discourage people from sending out information that is unrelated to Ski Patrol business, or considered offensive or biased, etc.

A new patrol-weekend-leader-description (SOP) was created, and it was decided that the Patrol Leader should be in charge of delegating jobs and keys for both SAR cache and the vehicle, and checking in and out all park equipment.

Note: the council merely planted the seeds to the proposed changes to our charter. Since our charter states, amendments must be voted on and passed by a quorum. We hope you will approve these changes and that they will be adopted during a brief general business meeting during one of the training weekend.

The weekend leader should make arrangements with the ranger on duty, or dispatch, to check in radios, and gear on Sunday.

For consistency, the First Aid and Orientation weekends for next season will be scheduled approximately

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the same periods of time next year.

It was agreed that the **First Aid weekend** for next season will be *November 8 & 9*; this meeting will be later in November than previous years.

■ **The Orientation Training weekend** will be *December 6th and 7th*, and will be considered the first weekend of the patrol season.

Steward Falls Trip Planned

On August 2nd, a trip to Steward Falls is planned. The hike will start at Lodge Pole Picnic Area at 10:00 a.m. Hikers will be able to see both Red Blanket Falls and Steward falls. The hike will end at the trail head of Red Blanket trailhead. Total distance of the hike is approximately 9 miles. All patrollers and friends are welcomed. A shuttled vehicle will be provide to bring hikers back to lodge pole picnic area after the hike. Please bring plenty of water and a lunch.

Contact Niel Barrett if you are interested! ASAP

In Appreciation

What an honor it was for me (Niel Barrett) to be chosen as one of our patrol Volunteers in the Parks Program (V.I.P.) representatives in Washington D.C. It was a trip I'll never forget. It rekindled old friendships, created new bonds between fellow stewards and volunteers from all over the U.S. The Crater Lake Ski Patrol received the first annual George B. Hartzog, Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service by a group. Present that day at the Old Ebbitt Grill to receive the award were Dan Miller, Doug Robin, Niel Barrett, Donna Short, Paul and Whitney Nolte, Ken and Lorraine Hickenbottom and Martha Hess, the Parks Volunteer Coordinator who represented the park staff.

We are the first recipient of this award. Gerrard Jolly, the Grants Manager of National Parks Foundation, believed "our patrol stood out by far in relationship to the criteria set forth by the selection committee. The committee looked at over one hundred appli-

cants before making their decision." As a group we should all feel very proud of this achievement. This award speaks volumes to the dedication, and hard work of patrol members over the past 21 years. According to Mary King, (*George Herzog Nomination Application, 2003*), "All of these individuals are exceptional. They take it upon themselves to set and maintain the highest standards. Work ethics are phenomenal. Many drive up to eight hours each way to patrol for a weekend. *There is no doubt that ski patrollers save lives.*"



Mary's observations about the patrol point to the crux of why many of the old and new patrollers are active within the patrol, and I believe that is, "doing what we love, in a place that we are all energetically connected. Mysteriously, the power of the Caldera keeps drawing us back." Mary supported this idea by her statement; "A spectacular spirit resides within the caldera of Crater Lake! It is this feeling that keeps all of us returning to work and protecting this area together." John Broward, Crater Lake Ranger and Ski Patrol Coordinator, wrote "the patrol for many years has deserved an award like this. Patrollers freely give of themselves and ask for nothing in return for all their hard work."

Slipping Through the Cracks

I am honored to have the trust of the Crater Lake Ski Patrol and will do my very best to uphold the high standards of the Patrol while filling the Administrator's position.

I applaud the Patrollers who are still taking the Patrol commitment as seriously as they did when establishing the Patrol 21 years ago. By names Dan Miller, Doug Robin, Ken Hickenbottom and my very close friend Niel Barrett.

I would like to say a few words about the prestigious Award and Grant that we have recently received. I know the Park Service is very proud to have a Volunteer organization associated with Crater Lake receive such well-deserved recognition, but being the large system they are, sometimes its very easy to overlook some of their own exceptionally dedicated personnel.

I point this out because in all the excitement of being considered for the award and all the last minute crunch of having the final

draft of the Grant written, someone slipped through the cracks.

I'm of course referring to our former Back Country Ranger/ Ski Patrol Coordinator Mary King. Mary King, knowing that she was going to be leaving, took the time to investigate possible awards that our Patrol might be eligible for with the guidance of Martha Hess (volunteer personnel coordinator) and discovered the newly initiated George B. Hartzog Jr. Award.

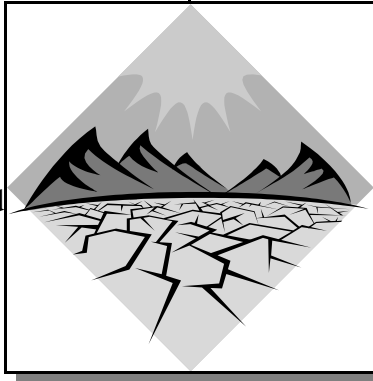
She contacted Evan, JT, John Bellon, myself and several other patrollers and asked for help in applying for and amassing information to submit supporting our eligibility for this prestigious award. She said that there was a Grant associated with it that we might be eligible for.

As most of you know, the award came to fruition after Mary had transferred to another Park. I was dismayed on that in every article I read about us receiving the award and subsequent grant, there was no

mention of who initiated our nomination for this award.

Thank you Mary King for your efforts and friendship, without which we would probably not have been nominated or received the award. Thanks to Martha Hess for picking up the ball and writing the final grant request for our Ski Patrol.

The strong interaction with the Park staff contributes to the effectiveness of our Ski Patrol so I applaud those "behind the scenes" people who aren't always mentioned but are very important to our continued success as a Patrol.



Mary, you have "set the Bar" for your replacement, Ranger Steve Martin.

Bill Bloom

Friendly Reminder

To familiarize yourself with Crater Lake's Backcountry Ski Trails, hike them in the summer time. Note, Red Blanket Falls is extremely beautiful this time of year, and is located approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile down from Red Blanket Falls. It is on the West side of the park in the Sky Lakes Wilderness Area. You can get to Red Blanket Falls on the Steward Falls Trail, or on the Red Blanket Trail out of Prospect.

Quality Time

Funny, how things work out. In early April Lorraine and I turned down "free use" of my cousin's timeshare in Puerta Vallarta. We had enough free air miles to go, but could not make the connections from Puerta Vallarta to Mexico City for our return flight. A few days later came the email from Dan Jacobs about the selection of the Crater Lake Ski Patrol (C.L.S.P) to receive the 1st, Group Volunteer Award from the National Park Foundation.



I immediately sent my name suggestions to Dan and was very pleasantly surprised to be the alternate. Dan, Doug and Niel have contributed so much to the Patrol for the last 21 years, and I just sort of show up every year and occasionally voiced an opinion. Anyway, it took about 24 hours for it to sink in and to make our D.C. arrangements. We had free air miles to use on United Airlines, and a once in a lifetime opportunity to tag along to the most important spot in the world for a rather unique experience.

Once in D.C., we encounter "free lunch and transportation" personal tours, lots of photo-ops, and even hobnobbed with lots of V.I.P's. But you know what? The "highlight" of the whole trip was the real "quality time" spent with the 7 other folks representing the C.L.S.P. You would not believe what they all look like, showered,

shaved, hair combed, and what a little make-up can do. "Without all the polar fleece, spandex and parkas on, it was hard to recognize them. You know, they can even walk around in regular street shoes! Can you imagine Dan, Doug, Niel and Paul in a coat and tie? I always thought Donna, Whitney and Martha were kinda cute, but you should see them in the "Big City" without their boots, polypro- underwear and balaclavas on. I can tell you

this; this group cleaned up quite nicely, and was on their very best behavior. I was very proud to be a member of C.L.S.P. on that day.

Dan did his usual fantastic job speaking for the Patrol when we were presented with the award at the ceremony. After the award ceremony were very cordially received at the offices of Gale Norton (Secretary of Interior), Senators Wyden and Smith and Congressman Walden.

We all eventually made it through every security check. There were a few anxious moments. I began to wonder about my "associates" when we were turned back in the tunnel to the Capitol Building and were told it was closed. I wondered, closed to whom

and for what reason? My faith in our Group was restored when we were told there was a special Medal of Honor ceremony in the Rotunda and we could comeback later in the day.

It was too bad Paul, Whitney, Dan and Martha had to return on Wednesday while the rest of us had Wed., Thurs and Fri morning to see more of the fabulous sights.

When Lorraine and I boarded the plane for home, we experienced, what we believed were D.C. withdrawal symptoms. To our amazement Newt Gingrich and his wife boarded the plane and flew to San Francisco, helping reduce our DC withdrawal.

We arrived home about 12:30 a.m. with all our bags, some really wonderful memories, knowing that we had been able to share them with seven other great friends.

Ken & Lorraine

Hickenbottom



Summer Activities

- **Tim Hennessy** is making plans for a *Maintenance Weekend at the Wineglass* cabin. Let Tim know if you are interested.

August 9-10 is set for scraping, cleaning, and sealing, any prep work needed.

August 16-17 is set for painting and re-stocking, stacking firewood etc

- **Niel Barrett** is in charge of *marking the New Avalanche bypass* and will be inviting patrolers to join him. Please send an email to Niel and let him know when the best available times for you to help. This effort will take several weekends to complete. Weeks days will work out if patroler are interested.

- **Technical Rescue Class**

The Ropes Course Class will be July 18-19. Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Course will be taught by our rope gurus Carl Jones and Steve Martin. All Patrollers are encouraged and are welcome to come to this event. Please let Carl or Steve know ASAP

- Come hike **Steward Falls Trail**, August 2nd. See both Red Blanket and Steward Falls. Contact Niel Barrett if interested.

National Park Volunteers Honored for Outstanding Service (Washington, DC)

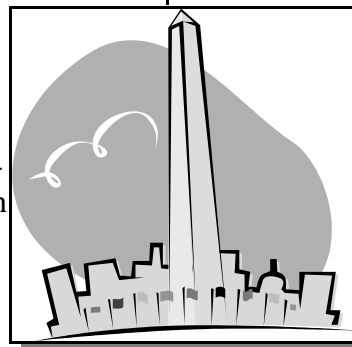
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During his nine years as Director of the National Park Service, George Hartzog championed the Service's role in urban recreation and environmental education, and also believed strongly in diversifying the NPS workforce. Perhaps his most enduring and beloved contribution, however, is the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) Program, created on his watch and born of the need for more qualified personnel at a time when national parks were becoming increasingly popular.

In his honor and in celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 28 – May 4), the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation are pleased to announce the winners of the first annual George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards for

Outstanding Volunteer Service.

“George Hartzog continues to be revered by National Park Service employees and others outside the organization for his lasting contributions to the



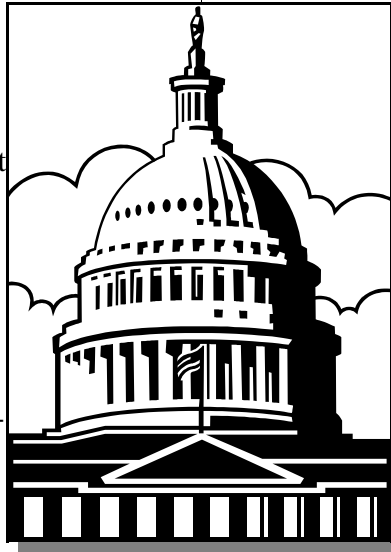
stewardship of our great park system,” said NPS Director Fran Mainella. “Of those contributions, the

Volunteers-In-Parks Program is one of the most far-reaching and beneficial.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Hartzog for initiating a program that draws on the strengths of people whose dedication and caring service mean so much. This is a vision I share with Mr. Hartzog and look forward to expanding.”

James Peters is this year's outstanding individual volunteer recipient of the

Hartzog Award On a daily basis, Jim voluntarily contributes to the restoration and maintenance of a 10-acre tidal wetland adjacent to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore. Since November 2000, Jim has dedicated over 2,800 hours to maintaining and observing the wetland. From October 1st, 2001 until September 2002, Peters has volunteered six days a week and single-handedly removed over 50,000 pounds of debris. In addition to removing the trash, he developed an interpretive trail and conducts guided walks all year. By showing initiative, creativity, and dedication he has built and fostered partnerships, boosted public interest and restored a significant portion of the park's border. "Jim has been tireless in his efforts to protect and interpret a fragile wetlands area on Fort McHenry's boundary. Through his efforts this area is serving as a model for other wetlands restoration projects in the Chesapeake Bay," said Laura E. Joss, Superintendent of Fort McHenry. "At 73, he has the enthusiasm and fortitude of someone half his age, and truly exemplifies the spirit and principles of the National Park Service Volunteer."



The award for outstanding volunteer service by a group goes to the Crater Lake National Park Volunteer Ski Patrol. The patrol not only contributes to the day-to-day activities that keep the park looking pristine during the winter months; they are also essential to visitor safety. Although the park spans nearly 200,000 acres, its Visitor and Resource Protection Staff consists of only three field rangers, so the support provided by the ski patrol is invaluable.

"I have worked, trained, and socialized with all members of the patrol both on a personal level and on a professional level. My four children have been mentored on the patrol by the senior officers. This group of individuals is exceptional," said *Pete Reinhart*, Annie Springs District Ranger. "This is a group of individuals that are firmly committed to protecting both the cultural and natural resources found within Crater Lake National Park. They assist the park ranger staff throughout the winter months on resource snow pack surveys, recording avalanche data, and monitoring snowmobile use." Many patrol members volunteer year-round, assisting with trail work, search and rescue training and more during the warmer months.

Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. has been chosen to receive the outstanding park VIP program award. This Friends group was created by Suzanne Gall Marsh in 1979, when the islands were still a state park, using the national VIP model.

Seventeen years later, when the Boston Harbor Islands became part of the National Park System, Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands became an active partner in the park, and to this day remain integral to the operation of the park – raising most of the funds required to operate volunteer programs for the islands, producing and maintaining a quarterly newsletter and a website for the volunteers, and more. "The work of the Friends to arrange guided visits to the less accessible islands, their advocacy work on behalf of the islands, and the many hours their energetic, friendly volunteers have provided our staff to help guide visitors and keep the Islands in environmentally sound condition, are to be especially commended," said Peter C. Webber, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management.

"Volunteers are essential to the national park experience," said Jim Maddy, president of the National Park Foundation. "It is an honor to recognize these outstanding people who have committed their time, energy and spirit to making that experience as memorable as possible for all who visit the parks."

The National Park Service, an Interior Department agency, manages the National Park System, which comprises 388 areas covering more than 84 million acres, for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. Through a variety of the programs, the NPS cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resources conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

More than 125,000 volunteers contributed 4.5 million volunteer hours in 2002 to the National Park Service at an estimated value of \$72 million.

The National Park Foundation, chartered by Congress, is the official nonprofit partner of America's national parks. The Foundation strengthens the enduring connection between the American people and their national parks by raising private funds, making strategic grants, creating innovative partnerships and increasing public awareness. In the past seven years, the National Park Foundation has raised more than \$130 million in direct

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During our adventures to DC, the representatives of the Crater Lake Ski Patrol was introduced to fellow VIP volunteers from the Boston Islands. They received the Hartzog Award for the best VIP program in the nation. What a joy and privilege it was to meet such a dedicated group of people. During a ranger led tour of the

F.D.R memorial, which was astonishing, we were introduced to Gall Marsh the founder, and Steven Marcus the chair of Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Islands. According to Gall Marsh, their program is now in it's twenty-fifth season, and has a non-profit status. They are self-sufficient and raise the needed monies to keep their organization operating to serve the public.

During a heartfelt meal at a local D.C. restaurant after the awards ceremony, Steve Marcus informed us that the greater part of the monies (around 70,000, the yearly budget) for the Program is accumulated by volunteer-led boat trips around the Boston Islands. The smaller of the sum is

What A Group

acquired from hundreds of Friends' donations from around the area that contribute to this great cause.

One of groups' missions is to serve as intermediary between local municipalities, the state, the federal park service and private organizations. What I found astounding is that the group is one of the main links that interacts between 13 different partners in helping to protect this vital resource. Boston Harbor Islands region comprises of 34 islands.

When Marsh first became active in the Boston Islands they were at that time a state park. But due to the diligent efforts of the Friends of the Boston Islands, Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area was created in November 12, 1996.

Not only has this volunteer group served as stewards to protect this area, but because of their love for the islands they were inspirational in spearheading the legislation in creating the Boston Harbor Islands national park area in November, 12 1997.

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Your Ski Patrol Needs



A New Training Officer

If you have organizational skills in Training and Development you may want to become the next **CLSP Training Officer**. The job requires the trainer to review current Knowledge, Skills and Abilities of Patrollers. Responsible for meeting the training, learning and development needs of the CLSP. Update standards and maintain training records. The ideal candidate will have the desire and drive to help make Your Patrol the best ever.

A New Education/Safety Officer

If you have the drive to make our Patrol safer, be our public relations/outreach liaison to make winter visitors safer, better informed, and would like to be involved in developing new fundraising activities, review current recruitment program criteria, and help make our web page a growing on-going educational environment, we have the job for you!

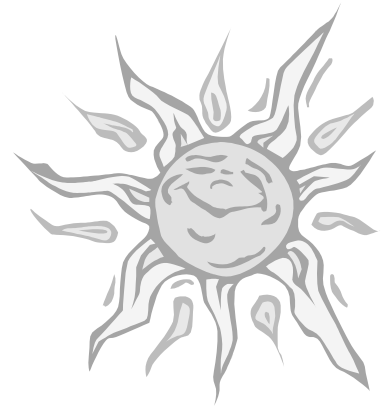
To be considered for either of these very important and vital positions please contact: Bill Bloom, (new Patrol Administrator), Dan Jacobs, or Steve Martin (incoming Patrol Director for NPS)

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*Don't forget to look at this Summers Activities, (p.10)
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Up Coming Events



- *Ropes Clinic, July 18-19*
- *Wineglass Cabin Maintenance: August 9-10—16-17*
- *Avalanche by-pass* marking project, please help
- Hike to Steward Falls, August 2nd: contact Niel Barrett if interested.
- *First Aid Weekend for next season :*
November 8 & 9
- *Orientation Training Weekend:*
December 6 & 7



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